

REMARKS

On page 2 of the 6/15/05 Office Action, the Abstract was objected to for exceeding the length guidelines. The abstract is amended herewith to be under 150 words.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 21-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsu et al. (US 6,587,684) in view of Tanaka (US 5,289,469). The priority claim is amended herewith to indicate that the present application is a continuation of US Application 09/597,917. Applicant notes that the transmittal page submitted with the present application priority inadvertently claimed to US Application 09/597,719 in a typographical error, and that the filing receipt reflected this error. Because the priority claim included with this Amendment was made in the transmittal papers submitted with the application, albeit with a typographical error, Applicant submits that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed priority claim is not necessary. If the Examiner believes that a petition is necessary, Applicant requests that the Examiner inform Applicant of this belief, in which case Applicant will file such a petition. Applicant also requests a corrected filing receipt reflecting the priority claim indicated in this Amendment.

The present amendment to the priority claim also indicates the priority chain of the 09/597,917 application. Applicant notes that the subject matter of the claims 21-39 is supported at least as far back as application Serial No. 08/114,872, filed August 31, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,680,633. Applicant notes that this priority date predates the priority date of the cited Hsu patent 6,587,684. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection. Applicant also notes that the subject matter of claims 21-39 may be supported by other applications in the chain of priority with even earlier filing dates than said 08/114,872 application.

The present Amendment also adds the serial numbers to applications where those serial numbers were previously unknown.

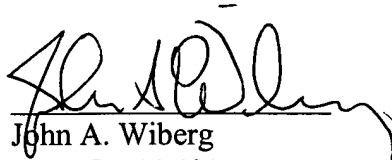
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment by this submission to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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